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PREPARED BY: Lee Hinson
Division of Public Works

APPROVED BY: _____
County Attorney

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO APPROVE THE SHELBY FARMS MASTER PLAN TO GUIDE IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO SHELBY FARMS PARK; TO APPROVE THE MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUMENT FOR SHELBY FARMS PARK; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUMENT FOR SHELBY FARMS PARK. THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MIKE CARPENTER.

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2006, the Board of Commissioners of Shelby County, Tennessee approved a Grant of Conservation Easement of county property known as Shelby Farms Park, naming The Land Trust for Tennessee, Inc. as grantee of said Conservation Easement; and,

WHEREAS, said Conservation Easement provides for the protection, maintenance, preservation and enhancement of the conservation, natural, scenic, recreational, agricultural, scientific and parkland resources and values of the property for the benefit of the citizens of Shelby County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, said Conservation Easement contained provisions outlining development of a Master Plan, providing that, upon completion, the Master Plan will be incorporated into the Easement; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2007, the Shelby County Commission adopted a Governance Policy for Shelby Farms Park and authorized the Mayor of Shelby County to enter into a Management Agreement with a not-for-profit organization entity to provide management for Shelby Farms Park; and,

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2007, the Shelby County Commission also authorized Shelby County Government to conduct a Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposals for the purpose of preparing a Master Plan for development of Shelby Farms Park; and,

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2007, the County entered into a Management Agreement with the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy providing for management, operation and development of Shelby Farms Park for a period of 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy, pursuant to the terms of the Management Agreement, issued a Request for Qualifications on September 4, 2007 and received

responses from thirty-three (33) design firms interested in producing a Master Plan for the development of Shelby Farms Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy selected three (3) finalist design firms to develop a proposal for the Schematic Design of Shelby Farms Park; and

WHEREAS, these three (3) proposals were exhibited to the public in several venues during the month of March 2008, and input was received from experts, policy makers, the public and a wide range of community organizations; and,

WHEREAS, based on the public input and review process, the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy narrowed the selection of design firms and entered into an agreement with the consulting firm *field operations* on April 10, 2008 to produce a Master Plan and present its recommendations to the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy; and,

WHEREAS, the Master Plan outlines future plans to enhance and improve the park to accommodate and attract a wide spectrum of visitors, making the park accessible and inviting to all residents of Shelby County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan presents a bold yet practical framework for future investment in the park, relying on sustainable management practices; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan is designed to guide the Park's future, including land planning and physical design components that are visionary yet flexible to respond to the community's demands and needs in coming years; and

WHEREAS the Shelby Farms Master Plan does not interfere with the rights and duties granted to the Agricenter Commission pursuant to Chapter 141 of the Private Acts of 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy, the Shelby County Agricenter Commission, the Land Trust for Tennessee, Inc. and the Shelby County Administration request that the Shelby County Board of Commissioners approve the Shelby Farms Master Plan as presented and attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan Implementation Instrument for Shelby Farms Park has been developed to establish restrictions and approved uses and improvements for the park, and upon execution will become part of the Conservation Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Shelby Farms Park Conservancy, the Shelby County Agricenter Commission, the Land Trust for Tennessee, Inc. and the Shelby County Administration request that the Shelby County Board of Commissioners approve the Master Plan Implementation Instrument for Shelby Farms Park, attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and to be set forth in its entirety in the Appendix to the Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, that the attached Shelby Farms

Master Plan as produced by the consultant *field operations* be and is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Master Plan Instrumentation Instrument for Shelby Farms Park be and is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Mayor is authorized to execute the attached Master Plan Instrumentation Instrument for Shelby Farms Park.

A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____